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THIS MESSAGE IN THREE PARTS

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PART I FOR BOTH ACTION ADDRESSEES

1. USAF HAS DETERMINED THAT CONVERSION TO CONTRACTOR  
OPERATION OF BAKER-NUNN SYSTEM WOULD BE THE MOST COST

EFFECTIVE MEANS OF OPERATING THE SYSTEM. ACCORDINGLY, USAF DESIRES TO CONVERT TO CONTRACTOR OPERATION THE BAKER-NUNN STATIONS LOCATED AT MOUNT JOHN, NEW ZEALAND; SAN VITO DEI NORMANNI, ITALY; EDWARDS AFB, CALIFORNIA; AND

JOHNSTON ISLAND, PACIFIC. THE CONTRACTOR SELECTED IS JOSEPH NUNN AND ASSOCIATES, AND THE STATIONS WOULD BE MANNED BY US CITIZEN EMPLOYEES OF BENDIX FIELD ENGINEERING CORP., A SUBCONTRACTOR. PLANS CALL FOR CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL TO ARRIVE AT STATIONS DURING PERIOD 15 AUGUST-30 SEPTEMBER, 1975. WITHDRAWAL OF US MILITARY PERSONNEL NOW OPERATING STATIONS WOULD COMMENCE AFTER 1 OCTOBER.

PART II - FOR ROME

2. THIRTEEN BENDIX EMPLOYEES, WITH AS YET UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS, ARE SCHEDULED TO REPLACE 17 USAF PERSONNEL (PLUS DEPENDENTS) NOW OPERATING BAKER-NUNN FACILITY AT SAN VITO. NO LOCAL HIRES WILL BE REQUIRED, ALTHOUGH IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE EXISTING REQUIREMENT FOR ONE LOCAL NATIONAL FOR CUSTODIAL SERVICES, ON CONTRACTUAL BASIS, WILL CONTINUE. RENTAL OF A FEW VEHICLES LOCALLY IS ALSO ANTICIPATED. OTHERWISE, BASE SUPPORT WILL CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED BY OTHER USAF UNITS AT SAN VITO. TECH REP STATUS IS DESIRED FOR THE BENDIX EMPLOYEES. AS INDICATED REF A, DECISION TO CONVERT TO CONTRACTOR OPERATION IS INDEPENDENT OF POSSIBLE RELOCATION OF STATION TO OTHER SITE IN ITALY. IF DECISION IS MADE TO RELOCATE STATION, CONTRACTOR OPERATION WOULD CONTINUE AT NEW SITE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO TAKE WHATEVER ACTION WITH ITALIAN AUTHORITIES IS DEEMED NECESSARY IN ORDER TO EFFECT CONVERSION OF THE STATION TO CONTRACTOR OPERATION, AND TO RENDER APPROPRIATE ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE TO USAF AND ITS CONTRACTORS. CONFIDENTIAL

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PLEASE ADVISE OF ANY OBSTACLES TO PROPOSED CONVERSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TIMETABLE DESCRIBED IN PARA 1 ABOVE.

PART III - FOR WELLINGTON

4. SIXTEEN BENDIX EMPLOYEES, WITH AS YET UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS, WILL REPLACE 37 USAF PERSONNEL (PLUS DEPENDENTS) NOW OPERATING BAKER-NUNN STATION AT MT. JOHN. NO LOCAL HIRES WILL BE REQUIRED, ALTHOUGH IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT EXISTING REQUIREMENTS FOR FOOD SERVICES, CUSTODIAL AND CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES, ON A CONTRACTUAL BASIS, WILL CONTINUE. CURRENT SUBCONTRACTS FOR THESE SERVICES EMPLOY ABOUT FIVE NEW ZEALAND

NATIONALS. RENTAL OF A FEW VEHICLES LOCALLY IS ALSO ANTICIPATED.

5. ALTHOUGH GNZ APPARENTLY HAS NOT YET RESPONDED TO OUR

LATEST TAX PROPOSAL AS OUTLINED IN REF B, WE DO NOT FEEL THIS ISSUE SHOULD DELAY CONVERSION TO CONTRACTOR OPERATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TIMETABLE SET FORTH IN PARA 1 ABOVE. AS INDICATED REF F, WE AGREE THAT PARAS 4 (CRIMINAL JURISDICTION) AND 5 (CLAIMS) OF 1968 BAKER-NUNN MOU (T.I.A.S. 6539) ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL. WE NOTE EMBASSY'S PREFERENCE FOR EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WHICH WOULD LEAVE 1968 MOU INTACT (REF E), AND REQUEST EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON CONTENT AND FORM OF SUCH AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS. IN EVENT WRITTEN AGREEMENT CANNOT BE CONCLUDED BY MID-AUGUST, WE WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED WITH CONVERSION TO CONTRACTOR OPERATION BASED ON AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEEK GNZ APPROVAL OF CONVERSION TO CONTRACTOR OPERATION AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

7. THIS MESSAGE WAS IN PREPARATION WHEN REF J RECEIVED. CONTRARY TO IMPRESSION EMBASSY RECEIVED FROM 14 AEROF MSG, NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONTRACTOR OPERATION HAS BEEN MADE, NOR WILL BE MADE UNTIL EMBASSIES HAVE GIVEN GREEN LIGHT. INGERSOLL  
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